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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 July 2003 & September 14, 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35,37-51,53-55 and 57-95 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16-35,37-51,53-55 and 57-95 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 08/024305.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 31 is objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 31 has improper dependency. It cannot be dependent on itself.

Appropriate correction is required.

3. The amendment filed July 1, 2003 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132 because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. 132 states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows:

In the specification:

Page 3, after line 23 insert:

"Figure 4 is a block diagram of a decoding system according to the present invention."

Page 8, after line 6, insert:

"Figure 4 shows a decoding system at a remote station that receives and extracts the encoded data. In Fig. 4. demultiplexer 100 receives coded data and, in an operation inverse to that performed at the coding system, extracts the variable length encoded data, the scanning pattern information and the additional information that had been multiplexed together at the coding system. Variable

length decoder 110 variable length decodes the variable length encoded data, and scanner 120 receives the variable length decoded data and reconstructs the original sub-block using a scanning pattern indicated by the extracted scanning pattern selection signal. The scanner would necessarily have to select one from a plurality pattern that was available for encoding. Using components having the same margin as dequantizers 21 and IDCT 11 in the encoder system, dequantizer 120 dequantizes the signal output from the scanner 120, and inverse discrete cosine transformer 140 performs an inverse discrete cosine transform function on the output of dequantizer 130, to output decoded data."

In the drawings:

The addition of new figure 4 is shown below:

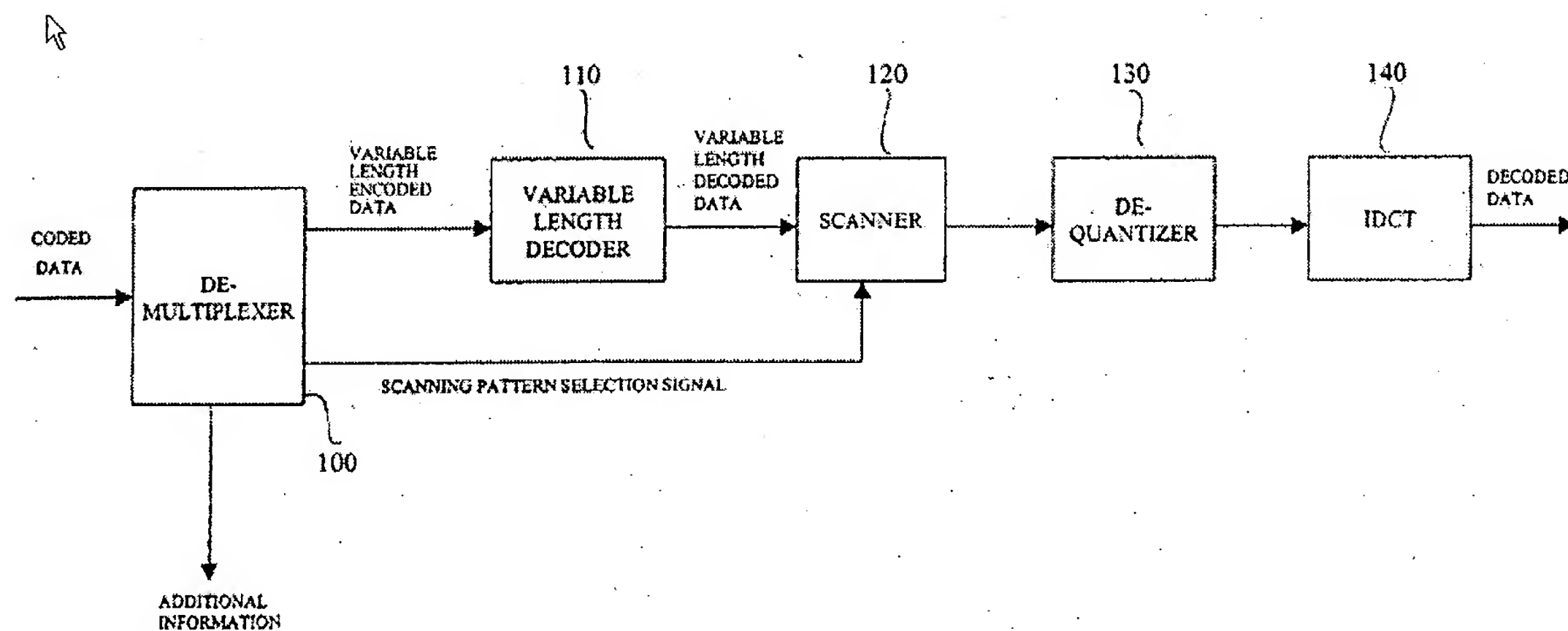


FIGURE 4

NEW

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Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

5. Claims 16-35, 37-51, 53-55, 57-95 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The original disclosure fails to remotely support any written description of a decoder as now claimed. Details of the decoder, as now claimed, only can be gleaned from the new matter that is now provided by the Preliminary Amendment filed July 1, 2003. Applicants' remarks in the Preliminary Amendment indicate that new claims submitted are fully supported by the original specification by at least col. 2, line 52 – col. 3, line 38. However, the examiner fails to ascertain details of a decoder in these cited columns as alleged by the applicants.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-15 are allowed.
7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-15 are as originally filed. No errors were cited by the applicants.

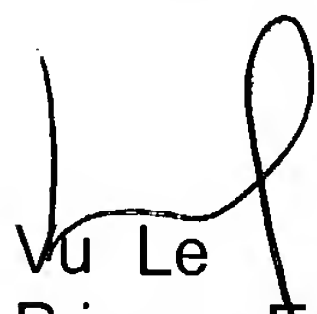
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vu Le whose telephone number is 703-308-6613. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Kelley can be reached on 703-305-4856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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